



PROPOSAL

The Miracle League of El Paso proposes the partnership with the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department. We propose to use the Ponder Park baseball field that was offered by your department representatives, at no cost to our non profit organization. We ask for exclusive use of the field to better serve our children and adults with disabilities that participate in our program.

In turn, the Miracle League of El Paso intends to totally renovate the field. We will be reconstructing the field by removing all grass and existing base paths and installing a specially designed seamless recycled rubber surface on the entire field. We will install lighting, new fencing, redesigned dugouts to be totally accessible to our players and buddies. We intend to build new handicap accessible restrooms which will include a private family room for changing and a concession stand. The field will be designed with a custom made canopy to cover from the dugouts to the home plate area.

Our target date for ribbon cutting of our "Field of Dreams" would be the end of 2007. League play could begin in January, 2008.

To provide for all of these renovations, the Miracle League of El Paso is in contact with a couple of organizations in the community who are in agreement to helping build the field. The price tag for this project ranges between \$300,000 to \$400,000. We will be applying for grants from all sources of funding. We will aggressively fundraise to reach our goal through other means, as well. The money will be placed in an account earmarked for our field with the Parks Foundation.

We are the first international league in the country, the first league to have started playing ball prior to building a field and the first league to have more than 150 children registered in its' second season. Since we have already a lot of firsts, this field needs to be a first, as well. We ask you to agree to our proposal and let us begin our plans to provide El Paso, a Miracle League Field of Dreams. After all, every child deserves the chance to play baseball.